

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' preliminary amendment filed September 7, 2006 is acknowledged. Claims 1-11 are deleted. Claims 12-20 are added. Now, Claims 12-20 are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William G. Conger on October 13, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 15 (line 1), after "wherein", insert -- one --.

In Claim 17 (line 1), replace "claim 16" with -- claim 14 --.

Delete Claims 19-20.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12-18 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present claims are allowable for at least the following reason(s) over the closest reference: Wilkinson (US 5 688 870)

Wilkinson discloses a two-stage process for preparing re-dispersible polymeric powders by copolymerizing a polyorganosiloxane macromer with an ethylenically unsaturated monomer in the presence of an oil-soluble or a water-soluble free-radical initiator. (col. 3, line 52 to col. 4, line 7, col. 5, lines 17-36 and Examples) However, Wilkinson does not teach or fairly suggest the use of an oil-soluble free-radical initiator in the first-stage process, while a water-soluble free-radical initiator in the second-stage process. Especially, in Examples, Applicants show the ***unexpected result*** of utilizing different types of free-radical initiators in terms of their water-solubilities in a two-stage process for preparing re-dispersible polymeric powders.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays,

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should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck, can be reached on (571) 272-1078.

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